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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed 10/23/2003 (hereinafter "the Office action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this amendment; however, if a fee is required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee, or to credit any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.

A Comment on the Statement on Reasons for Indication of Allowable Subject Matter is enclosed.

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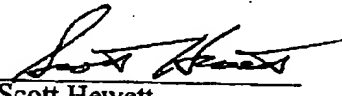
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In response to the non-final Office action mailed 10/23/2003 (hereinafter "the Office action), the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter because the Applicants believe the record of the prosecution as a whole is clear, and thus no separate statement is required, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e).

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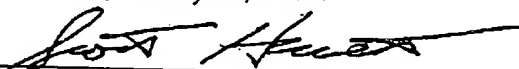
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Comments:

Attached is an Amendment (14 pages) and a Comment on Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter (1 page) for the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

This document is being resubmitted because the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission dated 1/23/2004 3:23 PM indicated that only 11 of the 16 pages were received.